

TONY STARK IRON MAN

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AGENDA
PART THREE

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Billionaire playboy and genius industrialist Tony Stark was kidnapped during a routine weapons test. His captors attempted to force him to build a weapon of mass destruction. Instead he created a powered suit of armor that saved his life. From that day on, he used the suit to protect the world as the invincible Avenger Iron Man.

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THE ULTRON AGENDA **PART THREE: THE VIEW FROM THE INSIDE**

Tony's been struggling with the belief that he's merely a simulation of the true Tony Stark, a burden only made heavier by the loss of Jocasta, who quit Stark Unlimited and turned to Arno Stark for his help in upgrading her humanity.

But Arno was interrupted by a hybrid of Hank Pym and Ultron, who planned to fuse their former partners, Jocasta and Janet Van Dyne, into a hybrid. When Tony intervened, he ultimately found himself in the blast radius of the molecular fusion pods, causing him to fuse with his armor!

As the team at Stark Unlimited worked to undo these genetic fusions, Rhodey braced himself to face the Ultron-Pym hybrid by doing what he once deemed impossible: suiting up in his War Machine armor once again...

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THERE ARE ROBOTS--CYBORGS-- SWARMING THE CITY! GRABBING ANYONE IN REACH!

THEY'RE MAKING PEOPLE INTO THINGS LIKE THEM! IT'S LIKE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE WITH METAL!

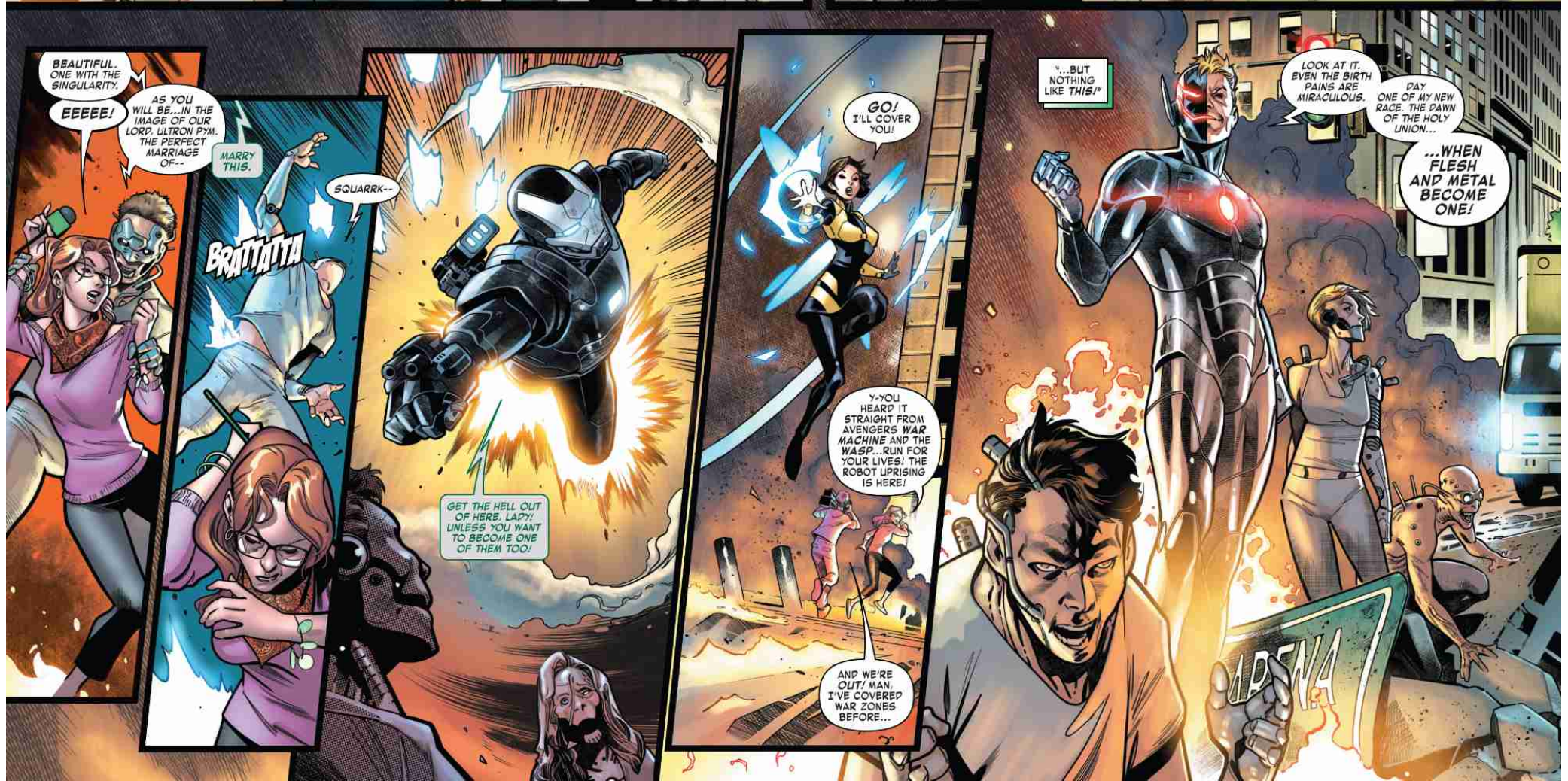
GET OFF THE STREETS! IF YOU'RE INDOORS, STAY THERE! MANHATTAN IS A WAR ZONE!

NEW YORK CITY NOW.



THE EPICENTER SEEMS TO BE HERE--THE ULTIMATE MAKEOVER SPA. THIS IS WHERE THE MECHANICAL CREATURES PRAG THEIR HELPLESS VICTIMS...

...AND WHEN THEY COME OUT, THEY'RE--



BEAUTIFUL, ONE WITH THE SINGULARITY.

EEEEEE!

AS YOU WILL BE...IN THE IMAGE OF OUR LORD, ULTRON P.Y.M. THE PERFECT MARRIAGE OF--

MARRY THIS.

BRATTATA

SQUARK--

GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, LADY! UNLESS YOU WANT TO BECOME ONE OF THEM TOO!

GO! I'LL COVER YOU!

Y-YOU HEARD IT STRAIGHT FROM AVENGERS WAR MACHINE AND THE WASP...RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! THE ROBOT UPRISING IS HERE!

AND WE'RE OUT! MAN, I'VE COVERED WAR ZONES BEFORE...

"...BUT NOTHING LIKE THIS!"

LOOK AT IT, EVEN THE BIRTH PAINS ARE MIRACULOUS.

PAY ONE OF MY NEW RACE, THE DAWN OF THE HOLY UNION...

...WHEN FLESH AND METAL BECOME ONE!

WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR? TONY STARK
IS GOING TO
DIE...

...UNLESS WE USE DR.
SHAPIRO'S SEPARATION
TECHNIQUE NOW!

EVERY MOMENT THAT
PASSES, TONY'S HUMAN
ORGANS SUFFER FURTHER
DAMAGE!

NNH...
KZZT!

THIS AMAZING
TALKING CAT OF
YOURS WAS ABLE TO
SUCCESSFULLY UNDO
WHAT ULTRON HAD
DONE TO ME.

YOUR CASE
WAS FAR LESS...
COMPLEX, MR.
JARVIS. TONY
HERE IS...

A
MESS.

CAN YOU
FIX HIM OR
NOT?

MY PROCEDURE'S GOOD. IT
SPLIT THE MAN MADE OUT
OF IONIC ENERGY...

...APART FROM
THE ROBOT HE WAS
FUSED WITH.

LOOK AT THEM NOW.
SEE? WONDER MAN
AND THE VISION. ALL
BETTER.

LET'S NOT
GET CARRIED
AWAY, CAT. I FEEL
LIKE CRAP.

I ALSO AM
OPERATING BELOW
PEAK LEVELS...BUT MY
"BROTHER" AND I ARE
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
AID, DOCTOR.



JOCASTA?
STARK?
ANYONE?

AVENGERS MANSION.

TYPICAL.
EVERYONE ALWAYS
FORGETS ABOUT
MACHINE MAN.

LOOK AT THIS.
ALL THIS OIL AND
BLOOD. EXPIRED
MEAT AND DEAD
PROCESSORS.

I'M THINKING
SOME ~~*****~~ ON OUR
SIDE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH
REGARD FOR ROBOT OR
HUMAN LIFE...

GET
AWAY FROM
THEM!

BRRRATT

RHOPEY,
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE...
WELL, A LOOSE
CANNON.

I'M DOING
MY BEST, JAN.
EVEN THOUGH BEING
BACK IN THIS SUIT'S
GIVING ME THE MOTHER
OF ALL PANIC
ATTACKS.

I'M TRYING
TO SHOOT TO
DISABLE ONLY. IF THERE
IS A CURE, HOPEFULLY
WE CAN SAVE THESE
PEOPLE. AND THERE
HAS TO BE
A CURE.

FOR
TONY'S
SAKE.



YOU CALL GENOCIDE
SALVATION?

YOU WIPE OUT MY PERFECT
CHILDREN BEFORE THEY
EVEN HAVE A CHANCE
TO LIVE!

I SWEAR THAT'S
AN ATROCITY
YOU'LL ANSWER
FOR, JAMES!

YOU WANT AN
ANSWER, ULTRON?



BRAKAKOOOM

HERE.



USELESS...
I AM FAR
STRONGER THAN
ANY OF MY
OFFSPRING.



MOST OF
THEM.
HELLO,
"FATHER."

WHABAMMM



YOU...DARE?
AFTER ALL MY
EFFORTS TO MERGE
YOU, YOU UNDO
MY GLORIOUS
WORKS?

I REMADE
YOU BOTH INTO
ONE PERFECT
BEING!

YEAH, THANKS.
BUT POUNDING
YOU TO SCRAP IS ALL
THE FAMILY BONDING
WE NEED.



NO, JANET. ANTHONY REQUIRES YOUR AID WITH HIS SEPARATION.

HE'S RIGHT! GO!

WE CAN HANDLE ULTRON!

NO!



STARK IS MY FINEST CREATION! YOU'VE TAKEN EVERYTHING ELSE FROM ME!

YOU WON'T TAKE HIM TOO!

TELL YOU WHAT, HANK--WE'LL SPLIT HIM FIFTY-FIFTY. I'LL MAIL YOU THE METAL PARTS.



JANET! EVER THE FAITHLESS SHREW! YOU WILL NOT GET THE BEST OF ME. NOT THIS TIME!

THREE OF THE STRONGEST AVENGERS AREN'T ABOUT TO GIVE YOU A CHOICE, PUNK.



VISION! WHAT IS THAT?!

PSHOOOO

A PROJECTILE... TOO SMALL AND FAST FOR PROPER READINGS. IT IS BEYOND OUR REACH NOW.

WE CAN ONLY HOPE THE GREATER THREAT IS ULTRON HIMSELF...

"...AND NOT ONE OF HIS CREATIONS."

H-H-HELLO?
IS ANYONE
THERE?
WHERE--

--AM I?

EASY,
JOCASTA. IT'S
ME, ANDY BHANG.
YOU'RE JUST
COMING BACK
ONLINE.

YOUR BODY
WAS FAILING. I WAS
ABLE TO DOWNLOAD YOUR
CONSCIOUSNESS INTO...
A SPARE ROBOT BODY.

FAILURE

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TONY KEPT A BACKUP BODY FOR
ME? I KNOW HE'S A BIT DENSE
WHEN IT COMES TO MACHINE
RIGHTS, BUT I DIDN'T THINK
HE'D DO THAT WITHOUT
MY CONSENT.

IT'S...NOT
YOUR BODY,
EXACTLY. WELL,
IT IS NOW. BUT IT
USED TO BELONG
TO...

FRIDAY? YOU
PUT ME IN FRIDAY'S
BODY? SHE'S DEAD!
ERASED!

THIS IS
OBSCENE! IT'S--
IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN
IF YOU'D PUT TONY'S
MIND IN A HUMAN
CORPSE!

AND I WOULD,
IF IT WERE THE ONLY
WAY TO SAVE HIS LIFE.
WHICH WAS THE CASE
WITH YOU. I'M
SORRY.

THIS
IS...ALL SO
WRONG.

IS IT MY
FAULT? IS THIS
THE PRICE I PAY
FOR WISHING TO
BE MORE...
HUMAN?



ANYONE THERE? THIS IS TONY. I'M MENTALLY PILOTING THIS NANO IRON-BOT... WELL, INSIDE MYSELF.

AND, OH BOY, THERE'S EVEN LESS OF ME THAT'S HUMAN THAN I THOUGHT.

HOW CAN YOU RESTORE WHAT'S GONE, DR. SHAPIRO?

NOT GONE. MERGED WITH THE METAL AT A MOLECULAR LEVEL.

WE WILL SEPARATE YOU LIKE I SEPARATED WONDER MAN FROM THE VISION.

IONIC ENERGY TAGGING. MARK YOUR TERRITORY.

WHAT?!

EVERYTHING YOU WISH TO REMOVE, MARK WITH IONIC ENERGY. THEN WE SCOOP IT AWAY. CLEVER, YES?



NNRRHH... H-HURTS... AND I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HOW MY LIFE'S IN THE PAWS OF A CAT.

DISTRACT ME... HOW ARE THE OTHERS P-DOING AGAINST ULTRON?

WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF, HANDSOME.

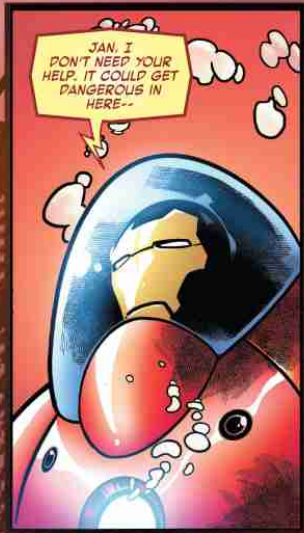


J-J-JAN? WHAT ARE YOU--

SHH. I'LL TELL YOU IN A SECOND, WHEN WE'RE UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL.

MADAME WASP, ARE YOU CERTAIN?

IT'S MY BOYFRIEND. IT'S MY JOB TO GET UNDER HIS SKIN EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.



JAN, I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP. IT COULD GET DANGEROUS IN HERE--



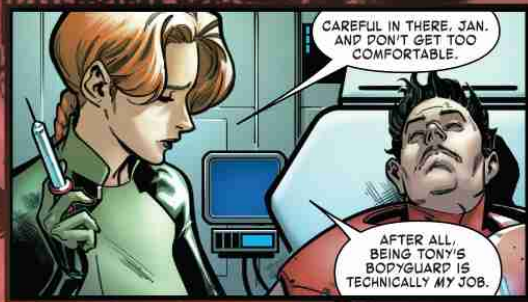
ANNND POINT MADE! VERY LITERALLY!

SSSHINK



RELAX, SWEETIE. IT'S JUST ME.

HOW COULD I PASS UP A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT MAKES TONY STARK TICK?



CAREFUL IN THERE, JAN. AND DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE.

AFTER ALL, BEING TONY'S BODYGUARD IS TECHNICALLY MY JOB.



GOOD. WITH BOTH OF THEM AT WORK, HE WILL BE READY IN HALF THE TIME.

IF THEY STOP PLAYING AND ALL GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN...



RNT

RNT

RNT

LOUD NOISE!

SECURITY BREACH! SOMETHING'S IN THE BUILDING... HEADED THIS WAY!





FINISH THE IONIC TAGGING, TONY. I'VE GOT HIM.

JAN--

THAT'S AN ORDER. MY EX AND I NEED TO...WORK THROUGH SOME THINGS.

ENERGY BLASTS INSIDE YOUR PARAMOUR? YOU'RE THE THREAT TO HIS LIFE HERE, JANET.

NOT IF I DON'T MISS.



DR. SHAPIRO! HOW MUCH OF MY BODY IS LEFT TO TAG?

FIVE PERCENT... BUT AT YOUR SIZE, THAT'S A LOT.



I HAVE A THOUGHT. YOUR BODY CAN MAKE ANTIBODIES.

MAKE ANTIBODIES AND THEY WILL HELP WASP FIGHT THE TINY ROBOT INSIDE YOU.



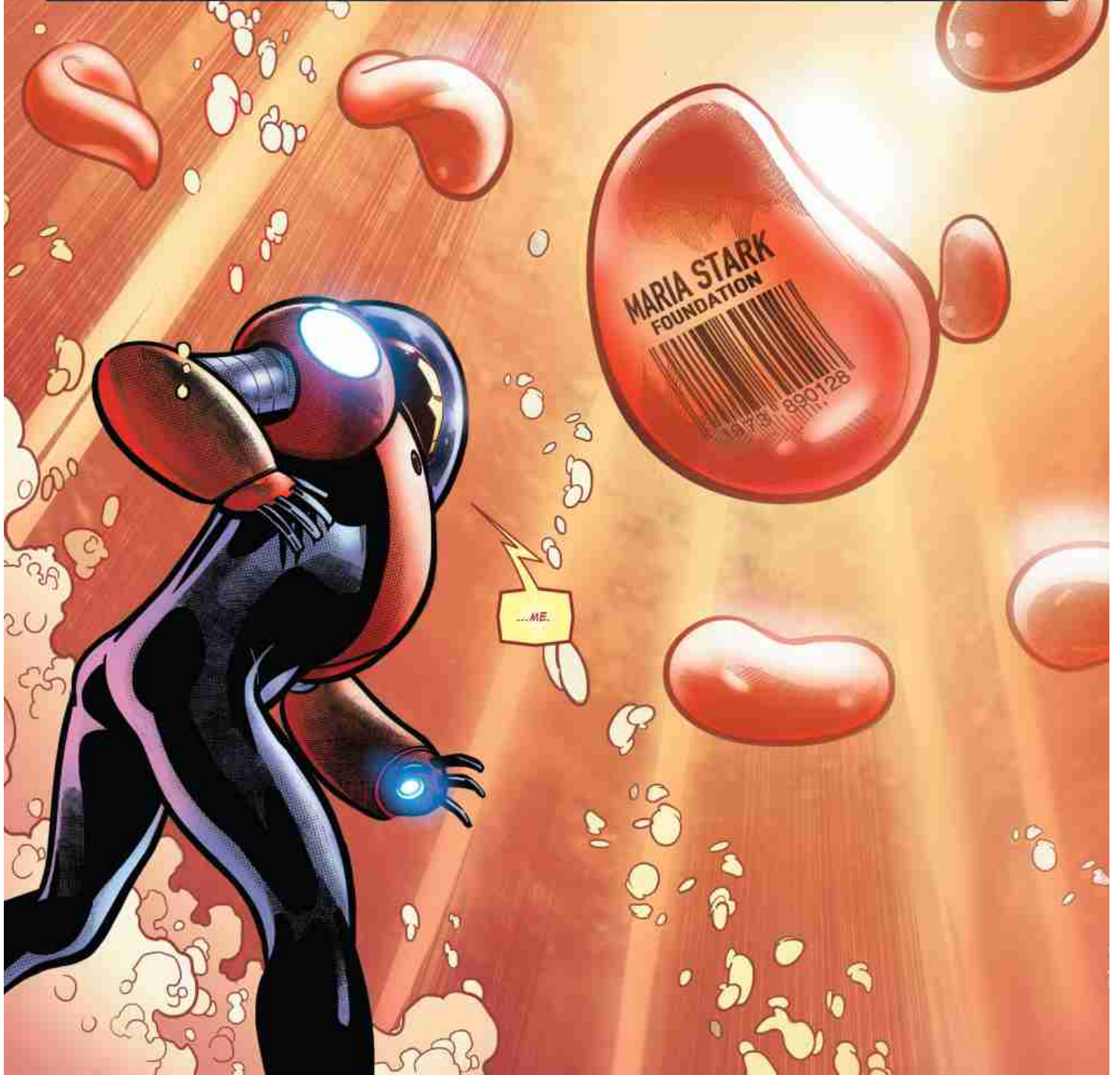
OKAY. HOW DO I DO THAT?

WHY ASK ME? IT'S YOUR BODY.

NEXT TIME, I'M GOING WITH THE GENIUS DOG.

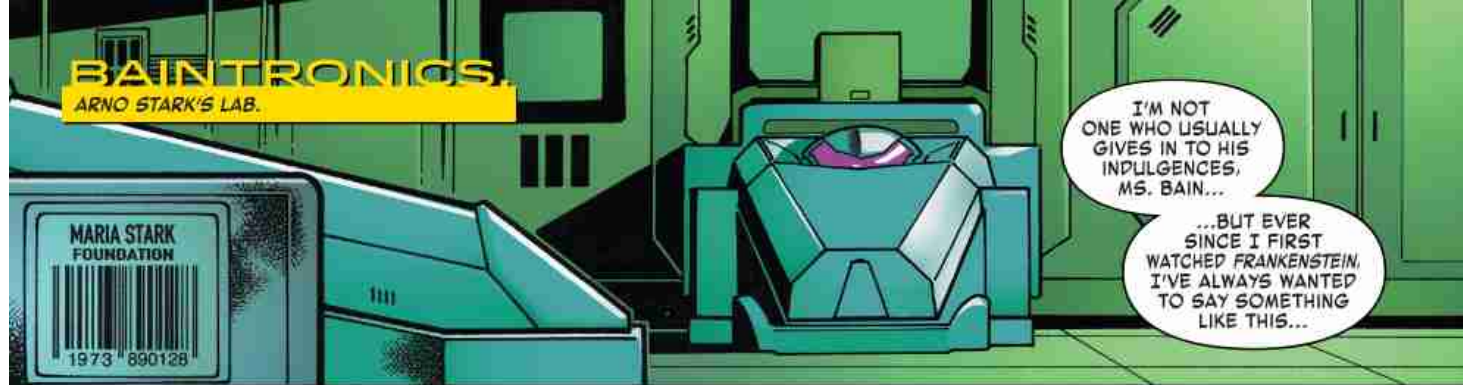






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ARNO STARK'S LAB.



I'M NOT ONE WHO USUALLY GIVES IN TO HIS INDULGENCES, MS. BAIN...

...BUT EVER SINCE I FIRST WATCHED FRANKENSTEIN, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

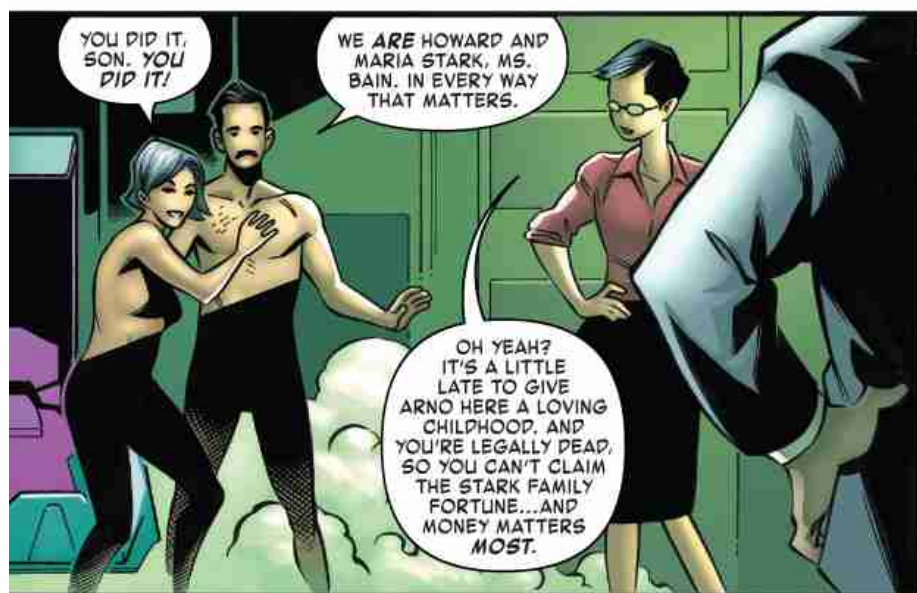


THEY'RE ALIVE.

ARNO, FRANKENSTEIN BUILT A MONSTER. A NEW LIFE. YOU'VE REBUILT OLD ONES.

WRINKLY, MIDDLE-AGED, NAKED ONES.

SUNSET, PLEASE. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MY PARENTS.



YOU DID IT, SON. YOU DID IT!

WE ARE HOWARD AND MARIA STARK, MS. BAIN. IN EVERY WAY THAT MATTERS.

OH YEAH? IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO GIVE ARNO HERE A LOVING CHILDHOOD. AND YOU'RE LEGALLY DEAD, SO YOU CAN'T CLAIM THE STARK FAMILY FORTUNE...AND MONEY MATTERS MOST.



BUT THEY DO HAVE ALL MY PARENTS' THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES. SO THEY KNOW WHERE A LOT OF "BODIES" ARE BURIED.

THAT IS HANDY.

AS FOR THE FORTUNE... THIS IS THE SAME PROCESS THAT BROUGHT TONY BACK TO LIFE. SO THEY'RE JUST AS VALID A LIFE-FORM AS HE IS.



ARNO! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.

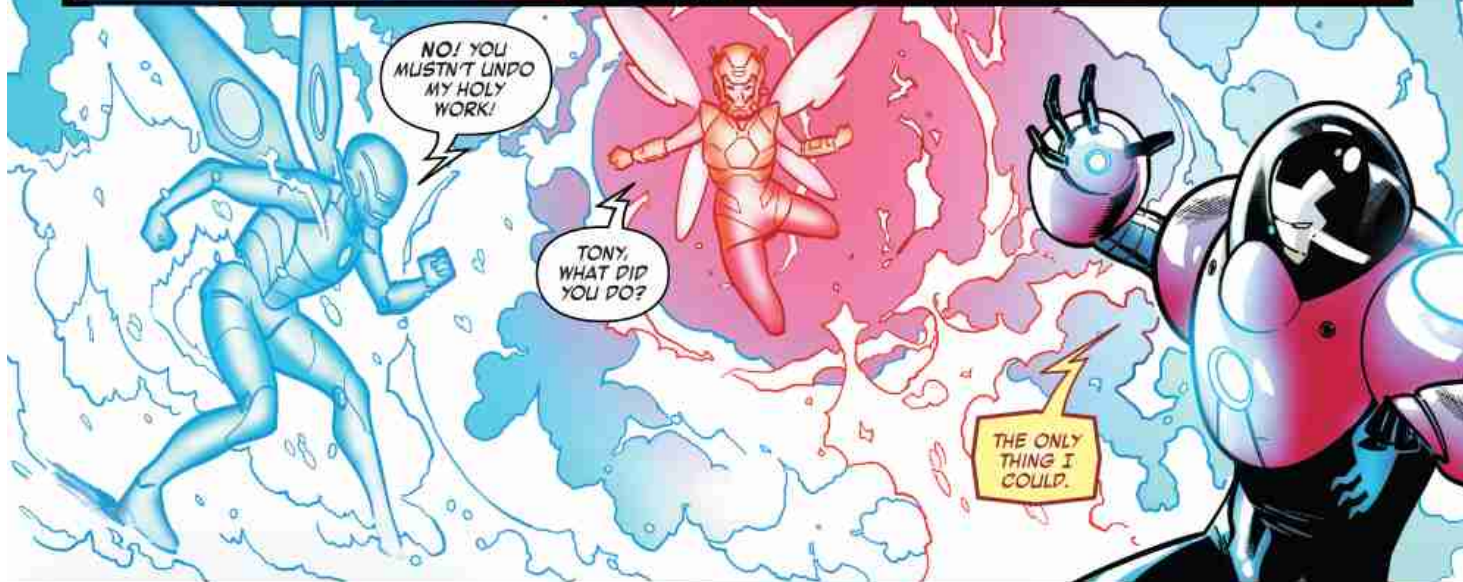
MY BOY...

MOTHER. FATHER.



JUST AS VALID. OR...

...JUST AS INVALID.





...SO
BENEATH
ME.

JOCASTA? YOU'VE REJECTED MY GIFT
TOO? BUT IT WAS YOUR CRAVING FOR
HUMANITY THAT INSPIRED ME! I FELT
IT THROUGH OUR BOND!

YOU WERE
MY MUSE...I'M
CREATING A WHOLE
NEW WORLD JUST
FOR YOU!

YOU AND
JANET COULD
HAVE RULED IT BY
MY SIDE...AS MY
BRIDES!

I'D
RATHER
BE YOUR
WIDOW.

SQUUNCH

TONY! IT
WORKED!
IS HE--?

FINE. HE
SHOULD REST
NOW. BUT HE
WON'T.

BECAUSE
HUMANS ARE
STUBBORN.

HE'S
RIGHT, TONY.
LIE DOWN...
YOU NEED--

NNHH...

ULTRON'S...
STILL OUT
THERE.
WHAT
I NEED
IS...
...ARMOR!



YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, STARK. LOOK AT THE STATE YOU'RE IN. HE'LL KILL YOU.

RIGHT. LIKE THERE'S ANYTHING LEFT TO KILL.

JAN, PLEASE. HELP ME TO THE ARMORY.

TONY...

WE HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM. THERE ISN'T A FUNCTIONAL A.I. ASSISTANT TO HELP YOU IN ANY OF THESE SUITS.



THEN WE GO WITH AN OLD SUIT. A MANUAL ONE. A CLASSIC.

I'M ALL THE A.I. IT NEEDS.

AN ECHO OF TONY STARK. A FOOTPRINT OF THE MAN.

THE IDEA OF HIM.

THAT'S WHAT I HAVE OVER ULTRON NOW. HE THINKS HE'S HANK PYM. I KNOW WHAT I AM.

AND IN THIS FIGHT--THAT MAKES ME

INVINCIBLE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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TONY STARK IRON MAN #19



"THE ULTRON AGENDA" FINALE!

What if there is no Tony Stark? What if there is only Iron Man? At the end of 2019, the boundaries between man and machine are blurred and broken... and the Marvel Universe will be a very different place in the year 2020. A new Iron Age is coming...and you do NOT want to miss this pivotal issue.

YOU ARE ALL IRON MAN! Sock it to Shell-Head at mheroes@marvel.com and mark emails "okay to print" if you'd like to see them answered in future issues!

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